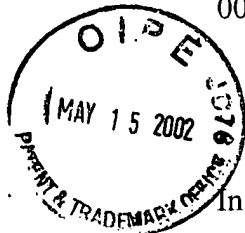


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Page 1 of the Form PTO-1449 lists U.S. Patent No. 5,818,505 and the documents cited therein not already of record.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,818,505, 5,008,686, 5,329,399, and 5,648,865 are discussed in the Request for Interference filed March 9, 2001.

A translation of the Abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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